के लिए 24 उम्मीदवारों की एक योग्यता-क्रम-सूची तैयार की थी । इस सूची में शारीरिक रूप से विकलांग तीन प्रत्याशी भी शामिल थे।

(ग) और (घ) : शारीरिक रूप से विकलांग एक प्रत्याशी की नियुक्ति कर दी गयी है ।

(ङ) 13 उम्मीदवारों की एक प्रतीक्षा सूची बनायी गयी है जिसमें शारीरिक रूप से विकलांग दो उम्मीदवार अर्थात् सर्वश्री भाठी दिलीप सिंह बहादुर सिंह और मारू सरोजबाला जसवंत राय शामिल है ।

(च) संगत-समय पर रिक्तियां उपलब्ध न होने के कारण, प्रतीक्षा-सूची में से किसी भी उम्मीदवार की नियुक्ति नहीं की जा सकी, परन्तु योग्यता और नियमों के अनुसार 31-3-94 तक उनकी नियुक्ति कर दिए जाने की आशा है ।

INCREASE IN WHOLE SALE PRICES

2584. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an increase in the wholesale prices is immediately reflected at retail level;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is much delay in the fall of wholesale prices to reflect at retail level;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof ; and

(d) whether Government propose to take any measures to remedy this situation, if so, how ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINIS TER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (c) Increase in wholesale prices almost invariably gets reflected in the retail prices but the time lag involved in this change varies depending upon the nature of the commodity. In the case of most agro-based and perishable products, which also include most of the essential commodities, increases and declines in wholesale price tend to get reflected in the retail prices with relatively little time lag. In case of most manufactured products, wholesale price cihanges take longer to get reflected in the retail prices. These differences are due to many factors, including the differential behaviour of input cost, market structures, taxes, transportation costs, inventories costs, handling and ro tailers' margins.

(d) Government remams vigilant in respect of price changes in wage goods and other essential commodities that affect the general public and takes steps in augmenting supply and managing demand as necessary;

VACANT POSTS IN SBI

2585. SHRI KAILASH NARAIN SARANG :

CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the bran ches of State Bank of India, at Loni Maharajpur, Dasna and Noida under SBI Meerut Zonal Office vacancies of JMGS-I have not been filled up from amongst qualified employees for the past five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that only ad-hoc appointments by giving officiating allowance to the senior msot employees have been made to these posts during the above period ;

(c) whether this ad-hocism is likely to be ended and JMGS-I poster will be filled up on a regular basis from amongst qualified people immediately ;

(d) whether it is a fact that deposit mobilisation by the above mentioned bran ches are below the expectation due to non-filling up of those posts from amongst qualified people ; and

te) if so, by when his Ministry would fill up vacancies in the above mentioned branches ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected from State Bank of India and, to the extent available, will 6e laid on the Table of the House.

AMENDMENT IN BANKING REGULATION ACT

2.586. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA :
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that RBI has requested Government to amend the Banking Regulation Act to clear the path for the setting up of private Banks;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal made by RBI;

(c) whether Government have taken any decision on the proposal; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (d) With a view to ensure that the banks being set up in the private sector in terms of the recent policy guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) are well managed and also to eaable RBI to exercise its regulatory powers more effectively, certain amendments have been suggested in the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, by RBI to the Government. No final decision has been taken by the Government in the matter.

DEBT REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

2587. SHRI JIBON ROY :
DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the debt repayment schedule prepared by Government of India for the year 1994-95 and for the next five financial years, both in terms of amount and percentage of GNP;

(b) how Government propose to meet the fresh debt service commitments in these years; and

(c) what is the amount of our total foreign debt as on 1st November, 1993 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Total debt service payments made by the country during 1992-93 were US $8.1 billion which constituted about 3.4 per cent of GDP. Future debt service payments depend not only on past borrowings but also on current • and future borrowings. These depend upon the movements in various items under both current and capital accounts of the balance of payments which, in turn, depend on a number of factors. Given the complexity of the situation, it is not possible to indicate the exact future debt repayment schedule.

(b) Financing of the debt service payments also cannot be seen i*n* isolation of the movements in various items under both current and capital accounts of the balance of payments. In the long-run, the capacity for debt servicing is broadly determined by the growth of exports and other foreign exchange earnings. The Government intends to meet all its debt service obligations as and when they arise.

(c) The data on external debt are being compiled on an year-end and half-yearly basis and the latest data indicate a stock of US $ 85.4 billion (Rs. 2661.67 hundred crore) as at the end of March, 1993.

RETRENCHMENT OF OFFICES AND EMPLOYEES OF LOSS MAKING BANKS

2588. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased *to* state :